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Title: Need for creation of a separate Development Board for Konkan, Maharashtra by amending article 371(2) of the Constitution.

SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU (RAJAPUR): There is a persistent demand for a separate Development Board for Konkan, Konkan is as backward as Vidarbha and Marathwada regions. The State Legislature had passed a unanimous Resolution on 13 March 1989 requesting for separate Development Board from Konkan by making suitable amendment to article 371 (2) of the Constitution of India.

In response to this the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India had given some suggestions to the Government of Maharashtra through their letter dated 5.10.2005.

As per the suggestion given by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the State Legislature has again passed unanimous Resolution on 15.12.2005 requesting for a separate Development Board for Konkan.

Sir, the request of Maharashtra Government for separate Development Board for Konkan is still pending with the Union Government. I, therefore, request the Union Government to take immediate action in the matter and make suitable amendment in article 371 (2).